Categorical Exclusion Documentation Format for Actions Other Than Hazardous Fuels and Fire Rehabilitation Actions

Project Name NEPA Number: DOI-BLM-AZ-CO10-2012-36-CX

A. Background

BLM Office: Kingman Field Office

Proposed Action Title/Type: Oatman Nuisance Wild Burro Removal on Private land

Location of Proposed Action:

Black Mountain Herd Management Area, Oatman, Mohave County, Arizona.

T 19 North, R 20 West, Sec 14

Description of Proposed Action:

The removal of up to 5-10 nuisance wild burros would be conducted in the month of April, to June 2012. (See Map 1 on Page 3.)

Burros removed from private land in Oatman are enticed into a corral constructed on private property the night before they are picked up by BLM.

Background:

Approximately 10 burros reside in and around the immediate vicinity of Oatman, Arizona. The BLM has worked cooperatively with the town to maintain the herd at 10 burros per the Black Mountain Herd Management Plan of 1980. Annually Oatman shop owners request BLM to remove the current year's crop of foals. The foals are kept in town with their mother's until they are old enough to be weaned. BLM is currently working with the town to establish a program to maintain a healthy, viable heard.

Individuals and agencies (including those who have expressed issues with the burros) will be notified by phone calls, email, or face to face contact prior to any initial bait trapping of the burros.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan (LUP) Name: Kingman Resource Management Plan/EIS

Date Approved/Amended: March 1995

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):

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Manage for a viable population of wild and free-roaming horses and burros to achieve, maintain a thriving, natural ecological balance in herd management areas and maintain and enhance the habitat in a desirable condition for continued

multiple use (Page 55).

HB02/VIC Wild horse and burro management on public lands requires maintenance of a herd inventory, habitat monitoring and the removal and placement of excess animals to

the public for adoption (Page 86)

C: Compliance with NEPA:

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9, D. Rangeland Management, (4) Removal of wild horses or burros from private lands at the request of the landowner.

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed (See Attachment 1), and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 apply.

I considered the plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan, and none of the exceptions described in 516 DM 2 apply, and no further environmental analysis is required.

D: Signature

Authorizing Official: <u>/ s / Ruben A. Sanchez</u> Date: <u>4/10/2012</u>

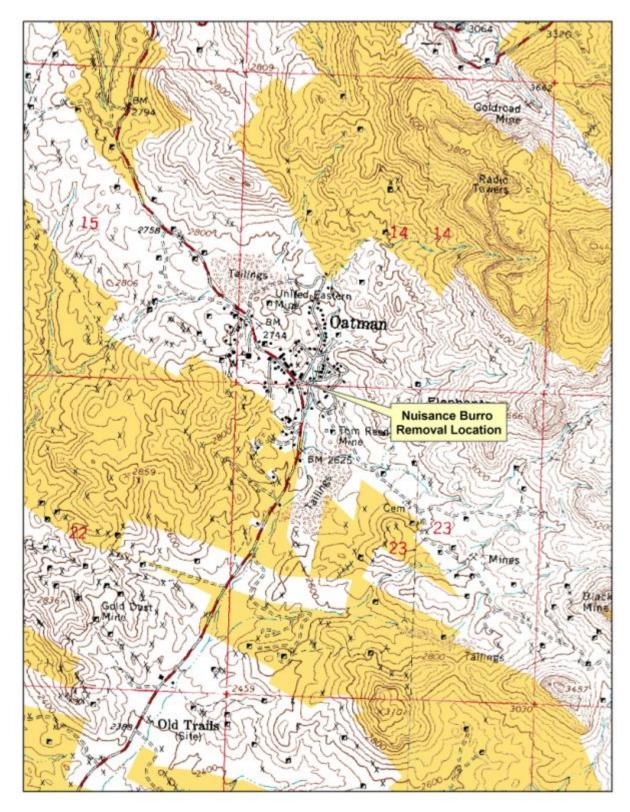
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For additional information concerning this CX review, contact Chad Benson, Wild Horse and Burro Specialist, Kingman Field Office, 2755 Mission Blvd, Kingman, AZ 86401, and 928-718-3750.

Map 1 (all areas are within the Black Mountain HMA)



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Attachment 1: Extraordinary Circumstances Review

Extraordinary Circumstances	Comment (Yes or No with supporting rationale)
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1. Have significant effects on public health or safety.	No, actually public safety will improve when burros are removed.
2. Have significant impacts on such natural	No. There would not be significant effects to migratory birds from
resources and unique geographic characteristics as	the proposed action. The temporary baiting and trapping operation
historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or	may cause birds to temporarily leave the area while people are
refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers;	scattering hay, setting traps, or collecting burros. These activities are
national natural landmarks; sole or principal	expected to last from 15 minutes to 1 hour each time the trap is
drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands	visited over the course of the project implementation.
(Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive	
Order 11988) national monuments; migratory birds;	
and other ecologically significant or critical areas.	
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects	No
or involve unresolved conflicts concerning	
alternative uses of available resources [NEPA	
Section 102(2)(E)].	
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant	No
environmental effects or involve unique or unknown	
environmental risks.	
5. Establishes a precedent for future action or	No
represents a decision in principle about future	
actions with significant environmental effects.	
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with	No
individually insignificant but cumulatively	
significant environmental effects.	
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or	No
eligible for listing, on the National Register of	
Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or	
office.	
8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or	No, there would be no affect to endangered or threatened species, or
proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or	critical habitat as none is found within or adjacent to the project area.
Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on	officer flatitudes from 15 found within of adjacent to the project area.
designated Critical Habitat for these species.	
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal	No
law or requirement imposed for the protection of the	110
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environment.	No
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse	INU
effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12808)	
(Executive Order 12898).	NT ₀
11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian	No
sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious	
practitioners or significantly adversely affect the	
physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive	
Order 13007).	
12. Contribute to the introduction, continued	No
existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native	
invasive species known to occur in the area or	
actions that may promote the introduction, growth,	
or expansion of the range of such species (Federal	
Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order	
13112).	

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Approval and Decision Attachment 2

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Chad Benson Project Lead				
	Reviewed by:	/ s / Ramone B. McCoy	Date:	_4/09/2012
		Ramone McCoy NEPA Coordinate		
	Reviewed by:	/ s / Don McClure	Date:	_4/09/2012
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Approved By: /s/Ruben A. Sanchez Ruben Sanchez Field Manager, Kingman Field Office				